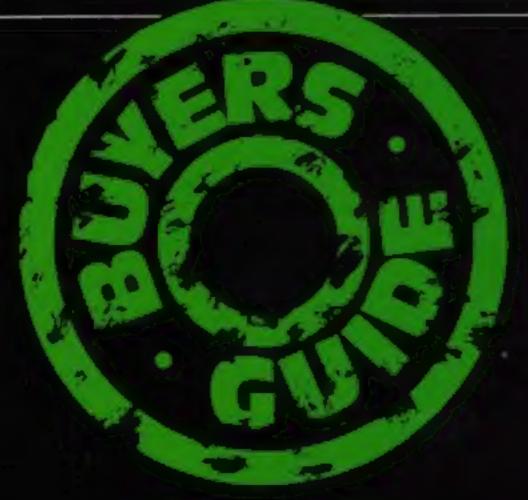
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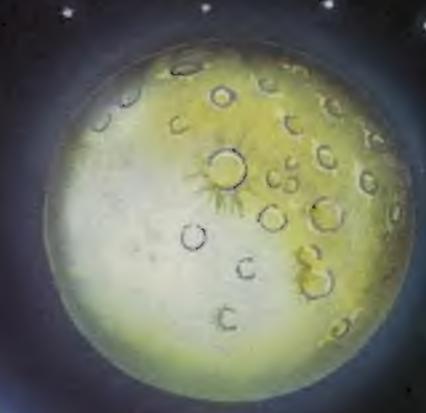
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By PETER SHAW

A thriving industry has grown up around Sir Clive Sinclair's computers — to make them do more or to improve their basic features.

In this free supplement you'll find details of more than 125 addons, from keyboards to joysticks, printer interfaces to EPROMs.

It's been a big job and, because we have tried to cover as many products as possible, the reviews are brief, but with all the facts you need.

At the end of the guide you will find the names and addresses of all the companies whose products are featured.

They will be pleased to provide more information.

To help you choose, we have included ratings — five means best value. In some cases where the text says "untested" the ratings are based on the specifications and prices.

A few points to bear in mind when you are using the guide: Each product is first named alongside the computer/s it works

Any opinions given below are my own, based on long experience

with both the ZX81 and the Spectrum.

The prices, all including VAT, are from the companies' own literature. You may find variations in the shops. Some products are only available by mail order, so far, which may add to the cost.

Please remember that this is a fast-moving industry. Although we have made every effort to ensure accuracy, prices and specifications change rapidly. Always check before buying.

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Keyboards, consoles, stands, cases

Backpack

ZX81/Spectrum

Six models, all with save/load and on-off switches and space for the power supply. Top of the range also has a variable sound amplifier, three 13amp sockets, switch and neon indicator, Untested.

£27.50-£12.85

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Wobble Stopper

ZX81

Wobbie stoppers are a great idea for those who get system crashes every time the Newline key is pressed. The idea is that the RAMpack is clamped firmly to the back of the computer. The prices of these may be a little steep for you, though. See also Miscellaneous section.

small flat £5.25 small tilted £6.25 large flat £5.75 large tilted £6,75

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Keyboards/ RAMpacks etc. ZX81/Spectrum

A new range from Spanish company Indescomp, all housed in good-looking glossy black boxes. Includes a novel Domestic Controller for the Spectrum which has four outputs to control alarms, lights, heating and so on. Untested. Keyboards are typewriter-style.

Spectrum keyboard £42.95 ZX81 keyboard £39.95 Domestic Controller £37.75

Indescomp



Console

ZX81

Low-price console which will house the computer, power supply and RAM pack and could be adapted for add-ons. When not in use the ZX81 slides away inside. Untested.

£3.99

Ricky Caplan



Microstation/ **Work Station**

ZX81/Spectrum

The first is tray-shaped with space for computer and peripherals. The Work Station, suitable for other micros as well, is made of stove enamelled sheet metal and has on-off switch, four 13amp sockets and carrying handle. Room for peripherals and the TV stands on top. Accessories: Power Base (£10.50-£11), legs (£11) and keyboard dust cover (£2.50). Untested.

Microstation £7.50 Work Station desk top model £49

Kelwood Computer Cases



Executive Case

Spectrum

ABS plastic case with space for Spectrum — inclined for ease of use - power supply, ZX Printer, cassette recorder, six cassettes and spare printer paper. Lid has room for leads. A new design will hold Microdrives and earlier versions are convertible. Untested.

£47.45

Treetop Designs



Computer Desk

2X81/Spectrum

Made from black ABS plastic, this desk has recesses for computer and printer and the TV can rest on the top. Power supply and cables are hidden from view. Untested.





microcase

ZX81/Spectrum

Executive-style case with detachable lid to house computer, cassette recorder, power supply, ZX Printer and leads. Work station, from the same company, has space for Spectrum, recorder or Microdrive and monitor. Micro Aids also supplies other items like dust covers and planning aids. Untested.

£32.95 work station £22.95

Micro Aids



Console

ZX81/Spectrum

Made of plywood in a choice of three finishes: light or dark mahogany or black. Space for computer, cassette recorder, power supply, printer and — in slots on the top'— eight cassettes. Makers say it could also be used on the lap. Untested.

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Programming is achieved by a two-digit code, which is looked up on the Programming Chart supplied, for each direction and firing button. These two numbers are then selected on a pair of leads which are clipped onto appropriately numbered strips on the interface.

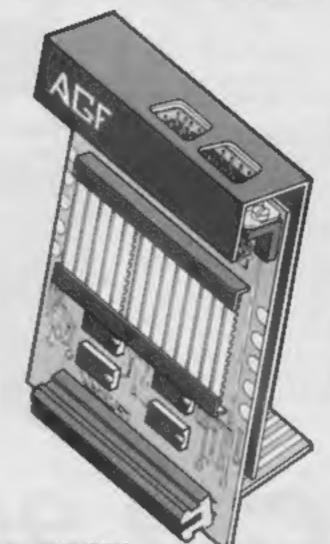
Once configured this can be marked onto a Quick Reference Programming Card for storing with the game. As the programming is not power dependent the interface can be immediately used when next switched on.

The keyboard remains fully functional and can be used simultaneously with the joy-stick.

An integral rear expansion connector means there is no need to remove the interface to connect other peripherals.

NB. A recent design improvement now means that the AGF Programmable Interface works with the new Quickshot II rapid "Auto Fire" feature.

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Console

Spectrum

A very cheap method, comparatively, of putting your Spectrum on a tilt — in a console with its peripherals. The ZX Printer fits alongside and the power pack goes underneath. The one disadvantage is that it also looks pretty cheap, being made of shiny black corrugated cardboard. It comes packed flat and is very easy to assemble.

£8.25

Print 'n' Plotter Products



Console

Spectrum/ZX81

This black plastic console limits the expansion of the computer as it hides the port underneath a hood on which the television stands. The ZX Printer can still be used. It is also a very bulky object, so you'll need a lot of space.

£31.50

Computerlock



Work Station

ZX81

Made of black plastic, this is quite a nice work station. But again you are limited by the spaces which are already on the console — keyboards or motherboards are out when it is in use. The printer fits in the console with the power pack underneath.

£16.50

Peter Furlong Products



Case

ZX81

A sturdy wooden box in which to place your ZX81. Although not thoroughly tested, I quite like the look of this one. It seems ideal for carrying your computer around.

£21

slightly larger version £22

Kalenia Wood Products



ZX Custom Case Spectrum/ZX81

This is the one you may have seen in W. H. Smith. It's a briefcase which will hold your Spectrum/ZX81, power pack, printer, tape recorder and cassettes, etc. There is even space for the cables. Everything is protected by foam, which you could chop away to make space for other items, like Microdrives. The case itself is executive style in black with white metal trimmings.

£38.95

Computer Cases



Desk Console

Spectrum

Smart-looking unit in black ABS plastic which has switches for SAVE/LOAD/RUN and power, plus a "power on" LED.

£42.18

Traffic Technology



Spectrum Keyboard Spectrum

Strangely enough, part of the dk' keyboard case is made of wood and part is plastic. The stick-on legends soon come off and there is no space bar. But it does have a useful numeric keypad. It is fitted by removing the Spectrum from its casing and fitting into the new unit with screws into pre-formed holes—a 15-minute job. The power pack can also fit inside, but it's easier to leave it on the outside.

£45

dk'tronics



Computer Keyboard

ZX81/Spectrum

The case is a bit "boxy", but the typewriter-style keyboard—angled like a real typewriter— is quite nice. Again, the computer case is removed and it screws in and there's space for the power pack. There are two versions available, with standard or metal case. Good keyboard, but you can do better for your money.

metal £50

Computer Keyboards



FD42

ZX81/Spectrum

This was one of the two original replacement keyboards — the other is now obsolete. Fitting means removing the computer from its case. But it also needs a little soldering to wire up the "power on" red LED. Made of plastic, the case is black and the keys — each guaranteed for a million depressions — are white with the legends screen printed so they will not come off. For the money it is excellent value. Its one drawback is that it has not got a space bar.

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ZX-81 COMPENDIUM

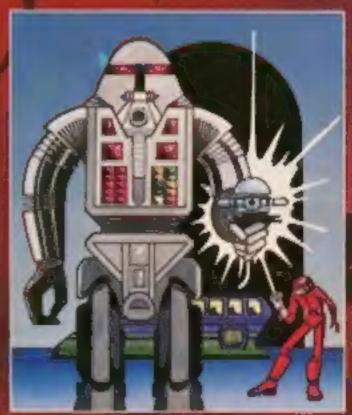
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Alien Intruder/Hieroglyphics — Both programs make good use of graphics and

words to make a very entertaining package." (Sinclair User, Aug '82)

Alien/Hieroglyphics/Wumpus Movie — A varied mix from Carnell, all featuring imaginative responses and graphics and all of them good games for all ages (Pfieroglyphics is particularly good for children)." (Popular Computing Weekly.



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FDS

Spectrum

Although there have been many production problems, the FDS keyboard is finally here. It was well worth the wait. Moulded in black plastic, it has grey, black and red keys — and the legends are professionally screen printed so they should not come off for ages. And the FDS keyboard has all the keys you want, too: a full space bar, extra cursor keys, delete keys and extended mode button. Looking a little like the Lynx, it is sturdy and it is easy to fit the uncased Spectrum inside. It will also take Microdrives, the power pack, and other add-ons from Fuller and other companies. All in all, the FDS is the best keyboard for the Spectrum.

£49,95

Fuller Micro Systems



ZXR Push-Button Keyboard

ZX81

This keyboard sticks firmly on top of the original ZX81 keyboard providing a Spectrum-like feel. A much-improved design from the company's earlier Button Set, all the rubber-like keys are clearly printed with exact reproductions of the original legends — unlike some other add-ons. It includes an overlay and stick-on labels so you can tailor the keyboard for particular applications, games for example. A good idea and well worth buying if you cannot afford the full-blown, all-singing, all-dancing keyboards mentioned here.

£9.95

Filesixty



Keyboard and Buffer

ZX81

The keyboard is not thrilling, but it does have the advantage that you do not have to take your ZX81 out of its case — the unit just attaches via a ribbon cable. Although it is very easy to fit it does mean that you have now got two separate units. The keys, typewriter style and angled, don't feel right but the case design is quite attractive in Memotech's blue house colour.

£34.95

Memotech





Memotech's ZX81 Keyboard



ZXR Push-Button Keyboard for the ZX81

Kick-Key

ZX81

Similar to the ZXR Push-Button Keyboard, but with hard plastic keys and legends in two colours. It sticks on top of the original keyboard, but two ribbon cables have to be plugged inside the computer. The price is a bit high. For a few extra pounds you could by a "proper" keyboard.

126.50

Kempston



Keyboard overlays Spectrum

Designed for educational software, the Tactile keyframe fits over the Spectrum and takes a series of overlays in several shapes and colours. Tactile produces software to use the overlays.

Various

Tactile

Keyboard

Spectrum

Clearly marked keytops — some in five colours — cursor control pad with fire button and four direction buttons are included. Untested, but seems a little expensive.

£53.45

Microtext



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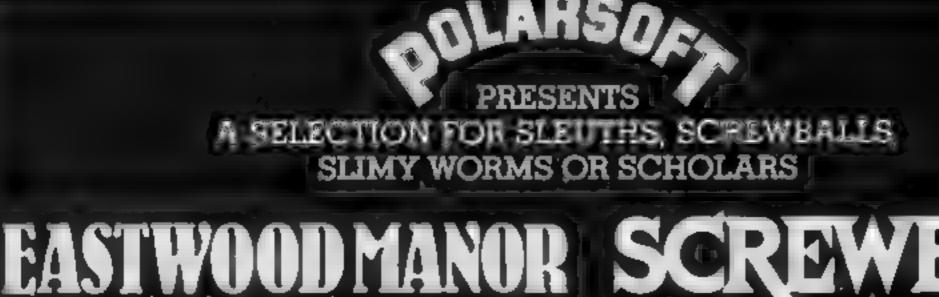
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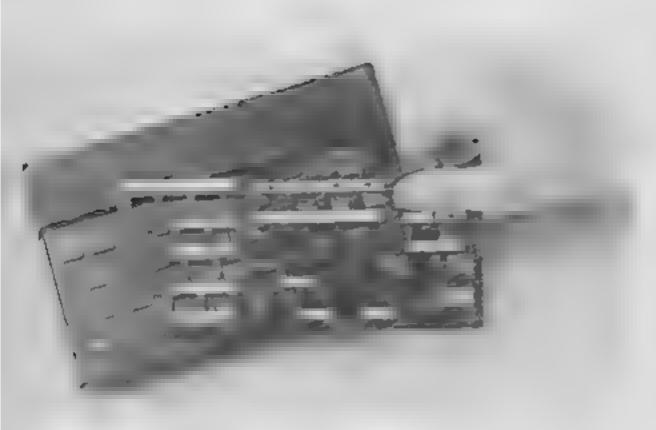
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Keyboards ZX81/Spectrum

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various Possum Controls



KRAFT

A squat, oddly-shaped joystick which works quite well Finished in black, red and silver, it has a fire button on the base. A little expensive, perhaps?

£18.95 Consumer Electronics



Competition-Pro

Although it's starting to age, the Competition-Pro is still a very good joystick. Sturdy and accurate, it has a tapered black shaft and two large red fire buttons on the base

£14.50 Kempston



Storfighter

Short, stubby and easy to use — that sums up this joystick Similar to the KRAFT model, it is in black with a single fire button on the base

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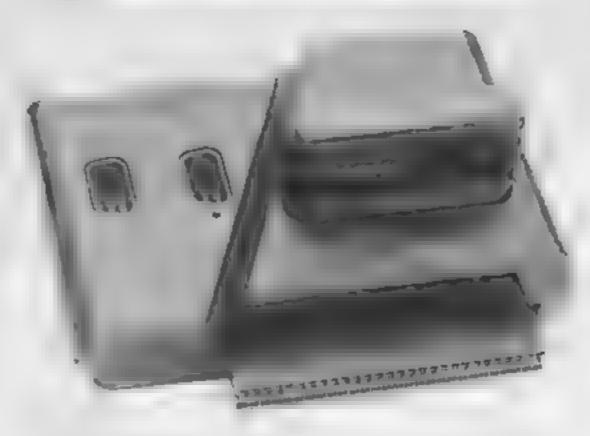
Interface 2

Spectrum

This is likely to become the standard joystick interface. It can take two joysticks and operates on keys 1-0. A ROM cartridge slot is on top and there is a selection of good quality software available on ROMs. A snag is that only the ZX Printer will fit on the rear edge connector because of the size of the slot.

£19 95 Sinclair





 Interface 2 from Sinclair with ROM cartridge game plugged in

Intelligent Interface

Spectrum

A programmable interface which will work with any joystick. Unfortunately the program has to be loaded from tape and the keys selected every time you switch on or use a game which uses different control keys. It makes things time-consuming. The design isn't wonderful, but the price isn't too bad for a programmable joystick.

£24 with joystick £29.90

Cambridge Computing



Joysticks

Spectrum

These two are mentioned together because they are so similar—the price is the same too—and you may find others of the same design. Both clamp on top of the keyboard and the short joystick moves buttons underneath which depress the cursor keys. Not tested, so rating based on price and supplied details.

£9.95 E.E.C. Grant Design



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Quickantor

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£12.95

Protek



Acari jayatick

The original. Very cheap but not very good. The inner plastic shaft does not last and there is one red fire button — which is too small — on the base

approx £7.50

Atari



Programmable Joystick Interface Spectrum

The best joystick interface now on the market, in my opinion Programming is done by holding down a key and moving the stick to instal. Very easy to program for different games, particularly as the software is on an EPROM and not on cassette.

£24.95

Stonechip Electronics





Interface II/Programmable

Not very easy to program and the add-on uself looks messy. It involves wiring up to pins in the interface according to which keys your game uses. The advantage is that, being "hard wired", it does not forget when you switch off. Ideal only if you are playing the same make of game all the time. Individual software houses tend to use the same keys for most of their programs.

cursor £20.95 programmable £33.95

Kempston



Interface

Spectrum

One of the first interfaces and therefore it has become the standard for which most games have an option. Well designed in a neat unobtrusive black case. Tricky to use if you have put a new keyboard around your Spectrum — you will then need an extender board.

£15

Kempston



Master Unit/Fuller Box/ Amp Stick Spectrum

All three add-ons include a joystick which works on port 127. An amazing amount of these units has been sold and commercial houses are just starting to realise this. See other sections for more details of individual units

£54/£29.95/£19.95

Fuller



Joystick interface Spectrum

Untested, but this interface is probably the cheapest on the market. Kempston compatible, it comes with a two-year guarantee Ram Electronics says that, unlike some others, its model will allow rapid fire with the new Quickshot II joystick Offered through mail order and retail

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Ram Electronics



Joystick interface Spectrum

New and untested, this model contains a CMOS RAM, powered by a trickle-charge battery, which can store the names and keyboard details of up to 16 games for three months, say the makers. It can also be used as a pseudo-ROM for regularly-used routines. Accepts Atan-type nine-pin joysticks. Rating based on price and supplied details.

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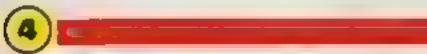
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Programmable Joystick Interface ZX81/Spectrum

AGF's interface is compatible with all software because you program it with clip-on connections to define which of the keys you wish to use. It attaches to the rear edge connector and provides another so it need not be removed. Two sockets for Atan-type joysticks. There is a free demo program called Video Graffiti, a quick reference card (extras are available), and AGF joysticks are £7.54 each. Untested.

£33.95 AGF Hardware



Triga Command joystick

Spectrum

An import from America, the Triga Command is shaped like a pistol butt with the fire button operated by your trigger finger. Moving parts are of nylon, not plastic. Complete with interface unit. Untested.

£19.95 Datel Electronics





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ZX81/Spectrum

A new and inexpensive joystick and programmable interface. Untested.

interface £24 both £27.50

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Addpac JS11

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The package from Addpac Electronics comprises joystick, interface and a demonstration program at a reasonable price Untested.

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Pickard

ZX81/Spectrum

Allows any Atari-type joystick to be connected to ZX81 or Spectrum and choose your keys. Untested

controller £20.45 joystick £7.50

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Joystick

Close to areade-style joysticks, this has three large pushbutton controls and 2K of RAM and plugs into the edge connector. Untested.

£43.70 Electrotech



Interface

Spectrum

Reasonably-priced interface for Atari-type joysticks, plugs into edge connector. Untested.

£14.95

Protek Computing



Interface kit

Spectrum

Plug-in device which arrives as a kit and can accept two joysticks. Untested

£22.95 joystick £7.99

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Trickstick

Spectrum

There are only two mechanical parts — the small fire buttons — in the Trickstick, a novel replacement for joysticks. You hold it in your fist and move your thumb over two phototransisters on the top for left-right and your index finger over two more for up-down. Untested, but East London Robotics says it allows proportional speed control and greater accuracy. Kempston compatible, and up to eight can be used simultaneously.

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Currah's speech system — a favourite

ZXS

ZX81/Spectrum

Shaped like a large RAMpack and cased in black plastic, this is a standard type of speech unit using the standard speech chip from Texas Instruments, which means it is controlled with allophones. It needs an external speaker to be heard, but also works by connecting the AUX socket of a cassette recorder or a hi-fi unit

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2XM

ZX81/Spectrum

Just like the ZXS, except that this provides three-channel sound through an internal amphifier. There is also a joystick socket and volume control. Sound is average and volume good.

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Fuller Box

Spectrum

A very attractive design, the Fuller Box plugs in flush with the back of the Spectrum and looks as if Sinclair Research had designed it. It adds a joystick interface, cassette interface and the all-important three-channel sound. This sound feature is used by software from Fuller and a few other software companies. However, the sound is rather tricky to use in your own programs. It includes an amplifier with volume controlled by using a screwdriver. The Fuller Box can also be upgraded to the Master Unit (see below) which adds speech.

£29.95 Fuller



Master Unit

Spectrum

Exactly the same as the Fuller Box (above), but with the addition of fairly smooth speech. It also has a socket for an external amplifier, if needed. The price should be a little less, though.

£54.95 Fuller



Amp Stick

Spectrum

Again, the same box as the Fuller Box. But this one contains just the sound amplifier and joystick interface. Good value for money

£19.95 Fuller



Big Ears

ZX81/Spectrum

A friend of mine has one of these units and says he is quite happy with it. Mind you, after paying more than £50 for it he would look a bit silly if he said it was rubbish! What the unit actually does is recognise your voice so you can speak instructions to your computer. It has to be "trained" to your voice. Possible uses include acting on the word "fire" in your games or controlling peripherals. It won't talk back, of course. The software supplied is hardly good enough to justify buying this unit and it requires a port to use it, I understand. I don't recommend this one.

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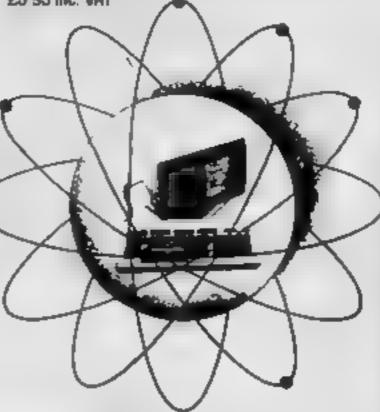
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William Stuart Systems



Soundbox ZX81/Spectrum

The sound version of the Chatterbox (above). Above average three-channel sound and quite easy to program. Nice, but needs an external amplifier.

£27,95

William Stuart Systems



Sweet Talker Spectrum

One of the simplest speech units to use, Sweet Talker has its own speaker. But the speech is not as smooth as some I have heard and the price is a little high. Not Microdrive compatible

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· Cheetah's Sweet Talker - one of the simplest to use

Add-On

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A small device which means opening up the case and attaching a couple of wires, reckoned to be a five minute job. An advantage is that it leaves the edge connector free. It then can be used to send sound to the TV speaker for far better quality than the Spectrum beeper. A friend of mine found it tricky to tune to the TV.

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Spectrum

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£25.95 Spectrum adaptor board £6.80

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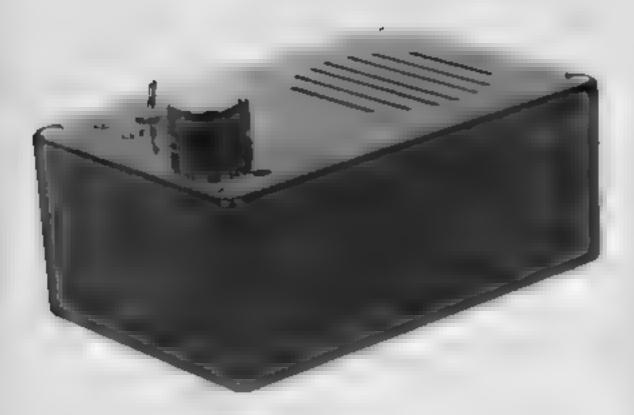
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Spectrum

Not tested, Zeal's Sound Booster has a 3in loudspeaker, load/save feature to avoid plugging and unplugging plus a volume control knob. Plugs in externally and requires no batteries. Mail order. Rating based on price and supplied details.

£14,99 Zeal Marketing





Compact Sound Booster from Zeal

Trichord

2X81/Spectrum

Plugs in for music and sound and incorporates a PROM which contains routines to create many effects. Untested,

ZX81 £26.95 Spectrum £24.95

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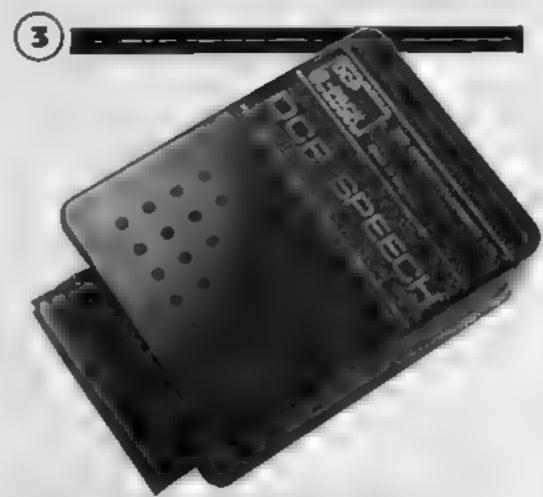
5-Pack

Spectrum

You can call from BASIC programs a total of 71 built-in words, phrases, numbers and letters. And there are three more Word Pack ROMs, at £14.95 each, on sale. Untested

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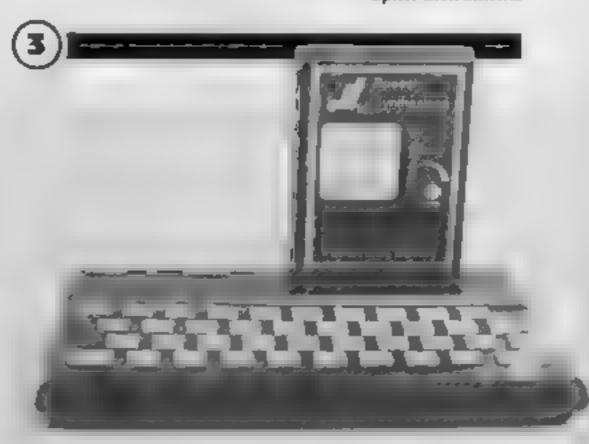


 S-Pack, from Microdevelopments, has a built-in vocabulary

Speech Synthesiser Spectrum

Small unit, with speaker, external output and volume control, which works by building up individual sounds until you have complete sentences and words. Includes a how-to-do-it guide.

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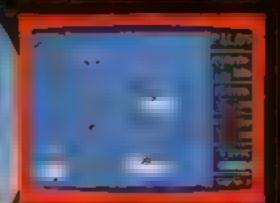
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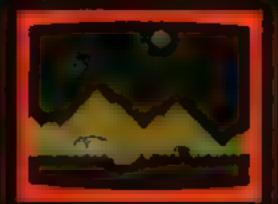
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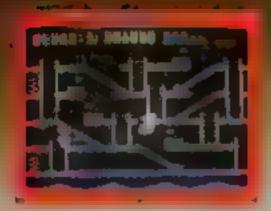
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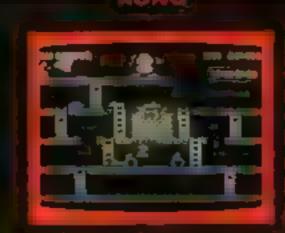
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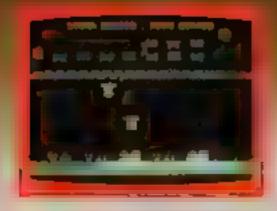


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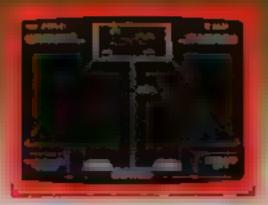


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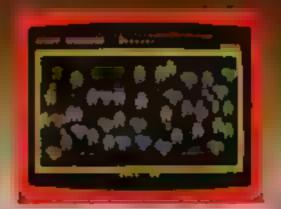


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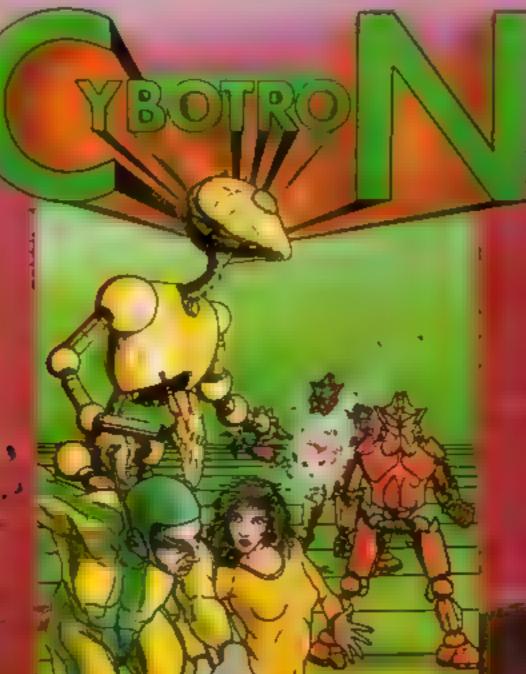
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Sound Power Base £19.95 Power Base: Spectrum £13.50 ZX81 £13



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Memory



 Basicare's add-ons for ZX81 and Spectrum are finished in grey and are easily stackable

Basicare makes a wide range of RAM packs and other add-ons for both Sinciair computers. It includes Pericon B, a unit for the Spectrum with 24-line output to drive relays. Untested.

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We cannot list all the programs suitable for Spectrum-Stick, but here are a few.

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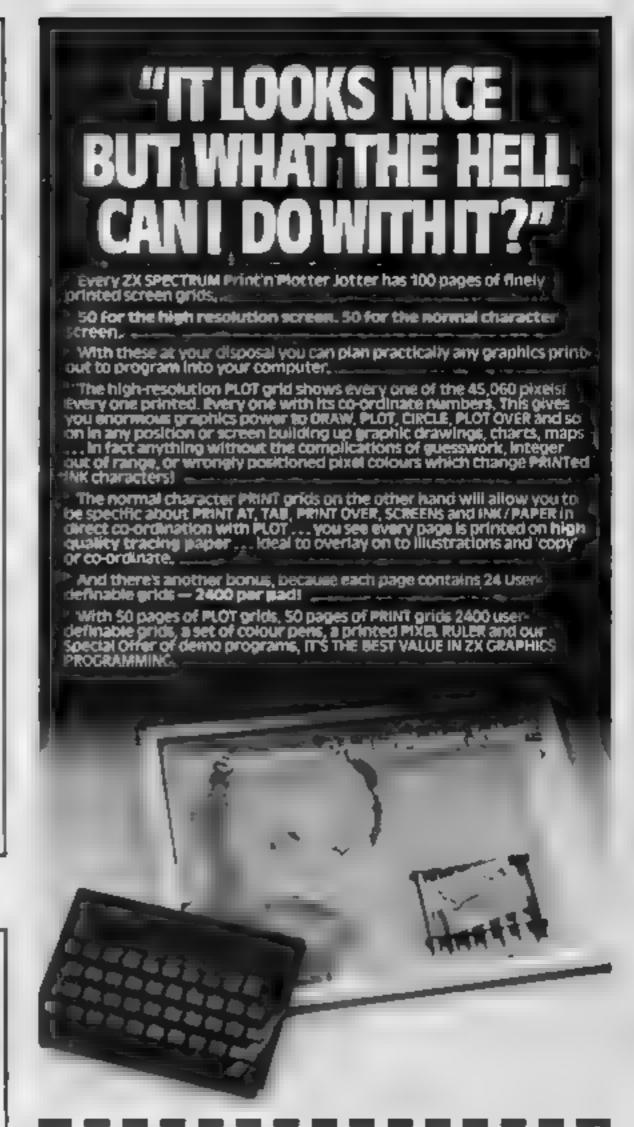
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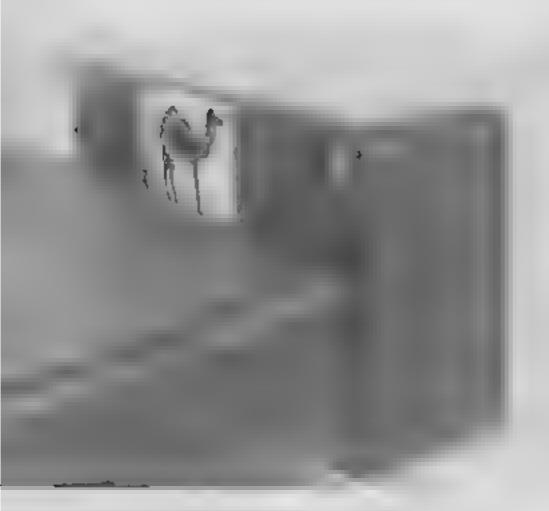
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Dream-81 £80,44 ROM-81 £17.20

Camel



Memotech's high-resolution graphics Memopak sandwiched between Memotech's 32K expansion and a ZX81

Memopaks are a range of ZX81 RAM units which fit neatly along the back of the computer and can be stacked. There are also Memopacks for hi-res graphics, and Centronics and RS-232 printer interfaces

16K £29.90 32k £49.95 64K £79 Others £39.90

Memotech

The ZX Panda, adding 16K, has a power-on LED but no edge connector at the back, but a further 16K can be added inside with a RAM board. Stonechip also makes a range of Spectrum add-ons, including light pen, keyboard, programmable joystick interface and echo amplifier.

£19.95 RAM board £14.50

Stonechip Electronics

16K and 32K RAM packs for the ZX81.

16k £28.95 32K £29.95

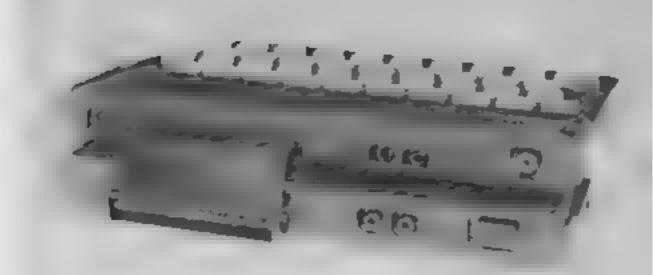
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16K RAM pack from Audio Computers incorporates feet to bring it up to the same height as the computer and a plastic grip to hold it in place.

£19.95

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Printer interfaces



Resr view of Sinciair's Interface 1, fitted to a Spectrum

ZX Interface 1

Spectrum

Screws to the underside of the Spectrum, tilting it forward. It controls up to eight Microdrives, has an RS232 interface for full-size printers, joystick interface, and can network up to 64 Spectrums at 100K baud. I would be more impressed if they were more readily available.

if bought with Microdrive £30

Sinclair



TMS

ZX81

An RS232 interface enabling the use of "real" printers with the ZX81. Not very easy to use

£32.20

Cobra



RS232

Spectrum

The Spectrum version of the TMS (above).

£33.50

Cobra



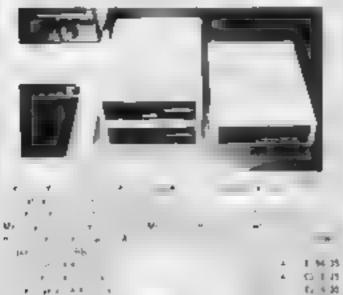
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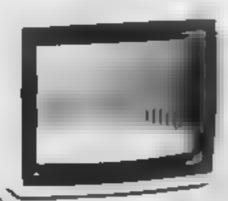
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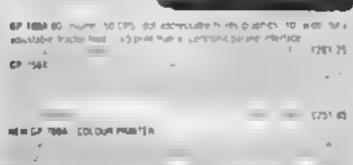
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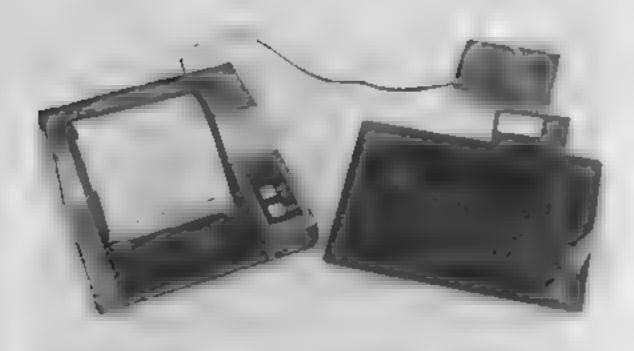
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ZX81/Spectrum

Two interfaces in one box for both computers and both at the same price. Uses the full width of any compatible printer at a selection of baud rates. Spectrum model has a built-in operating system for word processing and software is planned for the ZX81 to allow word processing and graphics. Untested.

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 Spectrum and Tandy colour printer-plotter linked by Softest's interface

Spectrum/Tandy Spectrum

Well-priced and very useful interface allows you to use Tandy's CGP-115 four-colour printer-plotter (£149). It includes machine code software so you can print text, listings, plans, drawings, PCB layouts, charts and a wide range of print sizes. Using the printer's four ballpoint pens — red, green, blue and black — you can overprint in different colours. Additional software, at £5, allows you to dump the screen to the printer. Untested, but well worth the money.

£35 Softest



Centronics ZX81/Spectrum

Complete with a yard of cable and plug and a 12-month guarantee, ADS' interface includes software to recognise LLIST and LPRINT for BASIC listings. Can be used with the Jupiter Ace with an adapter card and additional software. Untested.

£34.50 Advanced Digital Systems



Kempston Centronics Interface Spectrum

The interface I use in preference to the rest. It is very adaptable and you can easily define your own printable characters. I use it as part of a Spectrum-based word processing system

£45 Kempston



Interface Spectrum

Same features as the Kempston interface (above), but of a different design. Includes mini-word processor software.

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RS232 ZX81

A well-designed, snug fitting interface which holds software in ROM. Finished in Memotech's blue and silver colours, it works very well.

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Centronics ZX81

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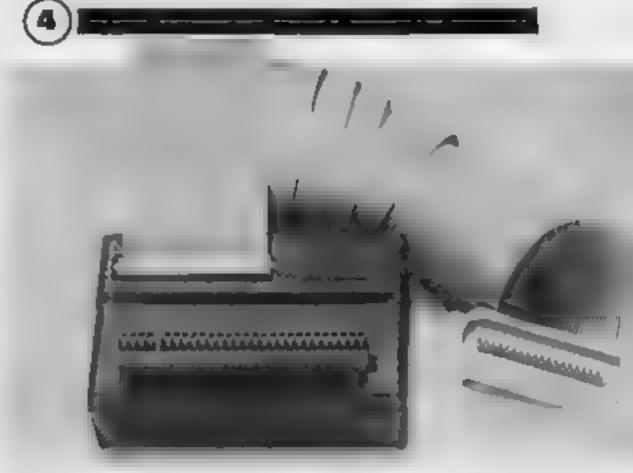
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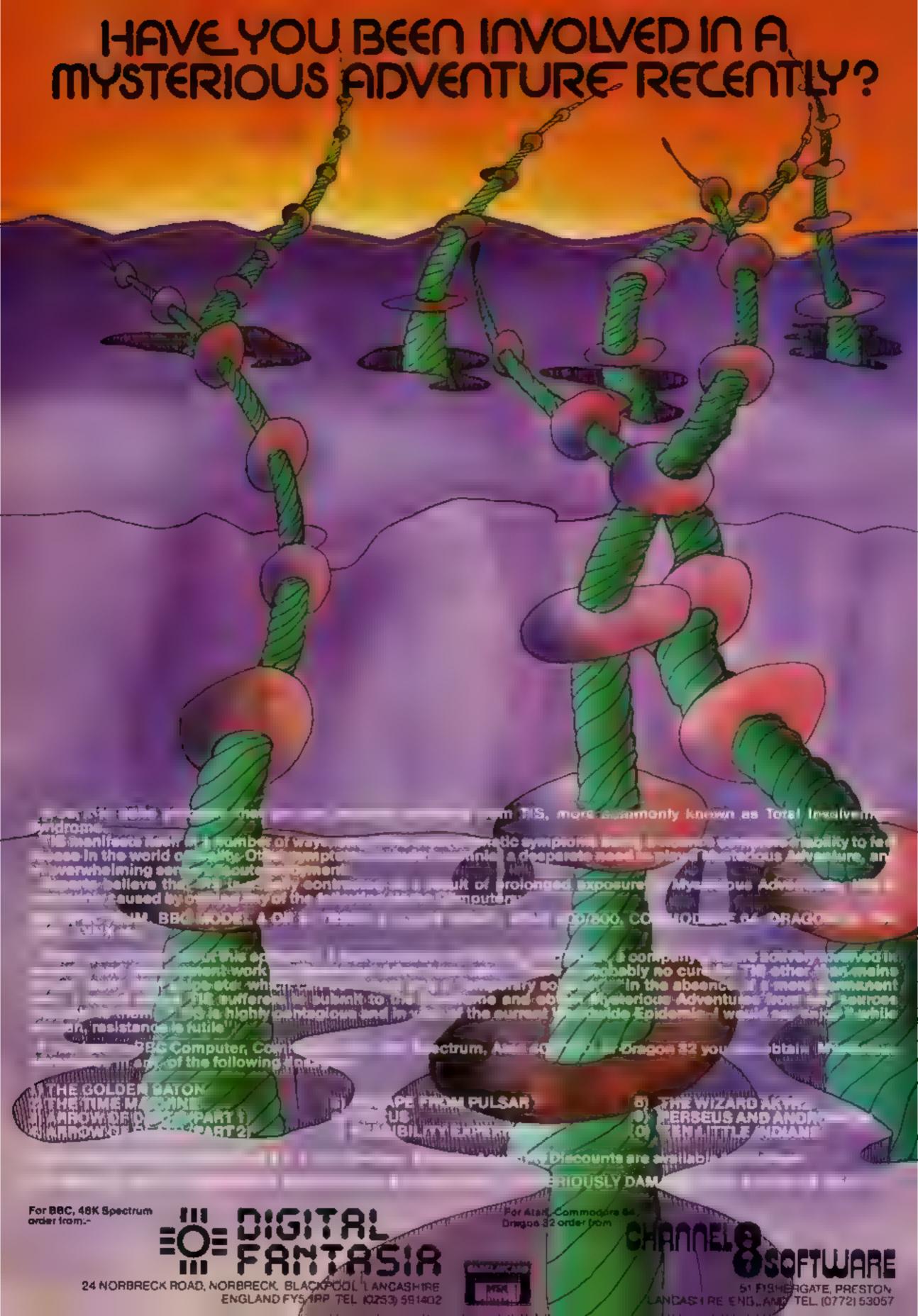
A very good add-on with ROM-based software. Initialised on power-on. As used by Home Computing Weekly.

£53.48 Euroelectronics



Kempston's Centronics interface







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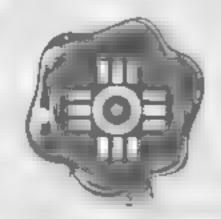
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etc. ZX81/Spectrum

ROM-SP plugs into the back of the Spectrum and holds an EPROM with 8-16K of data. Camel also makes EPROM programmers including Bloprom-81 and the low-cost Promer-81, both for the ZX81. There's also a no-frills RAM card. Untested

ROM-SP £34.44 Bloprom-81 £79.95 Promer-81 £19.95 RAM card £17.35

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The Microtext MUKBUS Card Frame System

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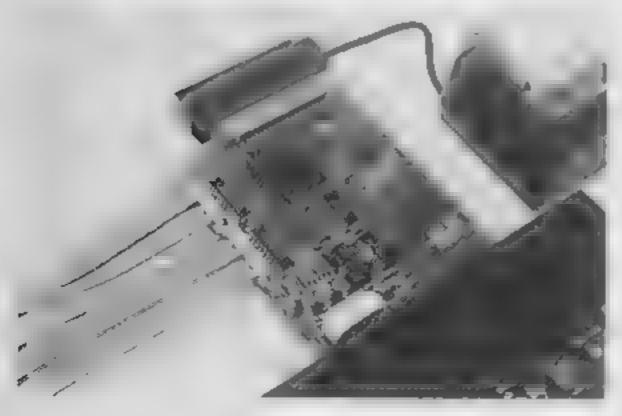
Spectrum

Plugs into the rear edge connector to give a six-slot mother-board to use the range of Microtext interfaces, including a prototyping card. A power supply powers the MUKBUS Card Frante System together with interfaces, Spectrum and two micro floppy disc drives. Cards include floppy disc, RS-232/Centronics, 80-column video, 64K page mapped memory and bar code reader interfaces. Untested

MUKBUS Card Frame £59.95 Power supply £39.95

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Time Controller from Glanmire Electronics

Time Controller

ZX81/Spectrum

Battery-powered clock for electronic diary with alarm, home controls, burgiar alarm, sound effects and process control via eight programmable inputs and outputs. Software is in a PROM. One instruction only is needed to read or write month, day, date, hours, minutes or seconds. Also available: extension connector to add other peripherals. Untested.

ZX81 £34.50 Spectrum £38.50

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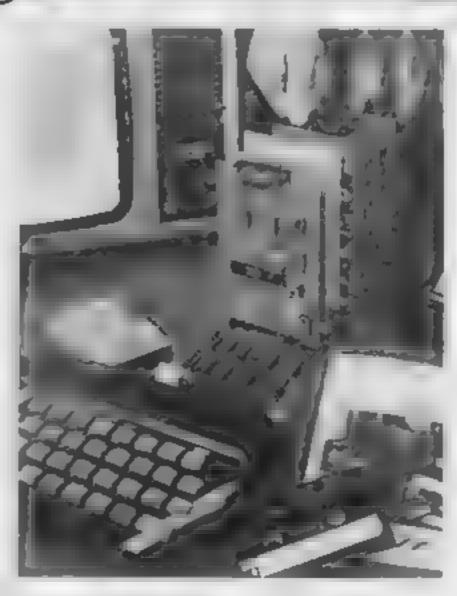
ZX81

Plug-in ROM contains 12K of FIG-FORTH, parallel I/O, multi-tasking FORTH operating system, Z80 assembler for machine code FORTH definitions, modern support, crystal-controlled baud rate generator for the RS-232 interface, machine code monitor, RS-232 and Centrolles printer routines and 4K of additional ROM for future enhancements. Untested, Spectrum version due soon.

£67.85

David Husband





U-Microcomputers' expansion bus with cards fitted

Expansion bus cards

Spectrum

USP-232D card is a dual channel senai interface using Z80-DART processor. Includes software for LLIST and LPRINT and dumb terminal emulator and a 56-page manual. USP-I/O, a general pruposes parallel interface, provides 16 output or input lines for uses such as plotters, music synthesisers, digital-analogue-digital converters, printers. Further cards also available, along with expansion bus. Untested

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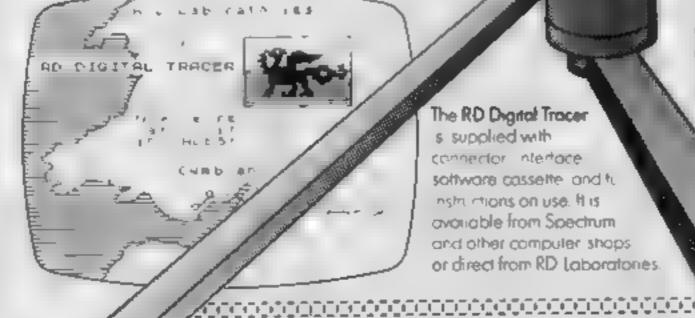
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The price of £55.50 includes P&P and VAT IJK only.)



Unretouched hard copy from ZX printer.

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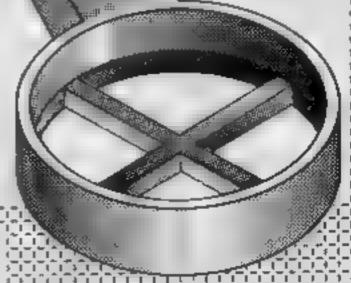
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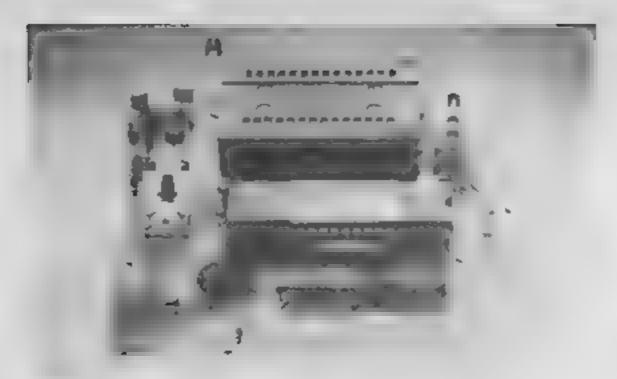
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EPROMS etc. ZX81/Spectrum

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EPROM board £19 Auto-Start unit £9.95 ZX81 LPROMs £9,95-£19

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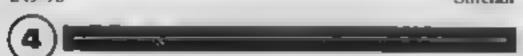


Miscellaneous

AR MICEO-Spectrum, Interface 1 drive

I hardly need to explain this one; I'm sure you have already drawn your own conclusions. To summarise: uses quarterinch video-style tape to store around 90K in tiny cassettes, 48K can be loaded in a claimed nine seconds, typical claimed access time 3.5 seconds, up to eight can be linked. Powered from the Spectrum, a red light shows when they are running. Not compatible with the Microdrives built in on the new OL micro. Cartridges are £4.95 each. At present both Microdrives and cartridges are available only from Sinclair. Each Microdrive includes a cartridge with a sample program

£49 95 Sinclair



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2X81/Spectrum

You can move an arm across a tracing sheet to "trace" your own designs, put them on the screen and save them to tape. Pretty accurate and well designed But leave plenty of desk space before you start

£55,50 RD Labs



Micronet 800

Spectrum

The VTX 5000 modem, now in the shops and proving popular, connects your Spectrum to both Micronet and Prestel. Micronet can be pretty expensive to run for any amount of time because of phone charge, particularly during office hours, but ROM software is built in to allow you to easily download pages and "free" software to tape or Microdrive.

£99.95 plus local call costs

Micronet 800



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ZX81/Spectrum

A "buggy" which has more use in schools than in the home. Programmed in LOGO, it can be made to trundle around. A relatively inexpensive introduction to robotics.

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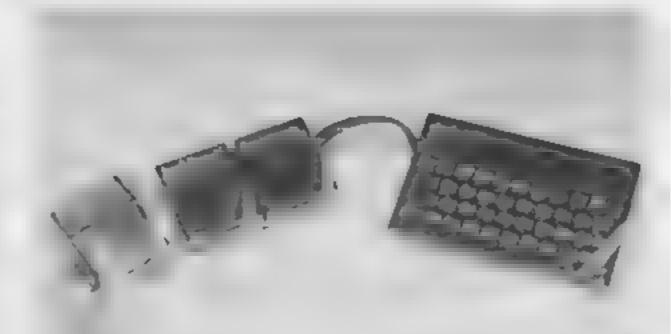


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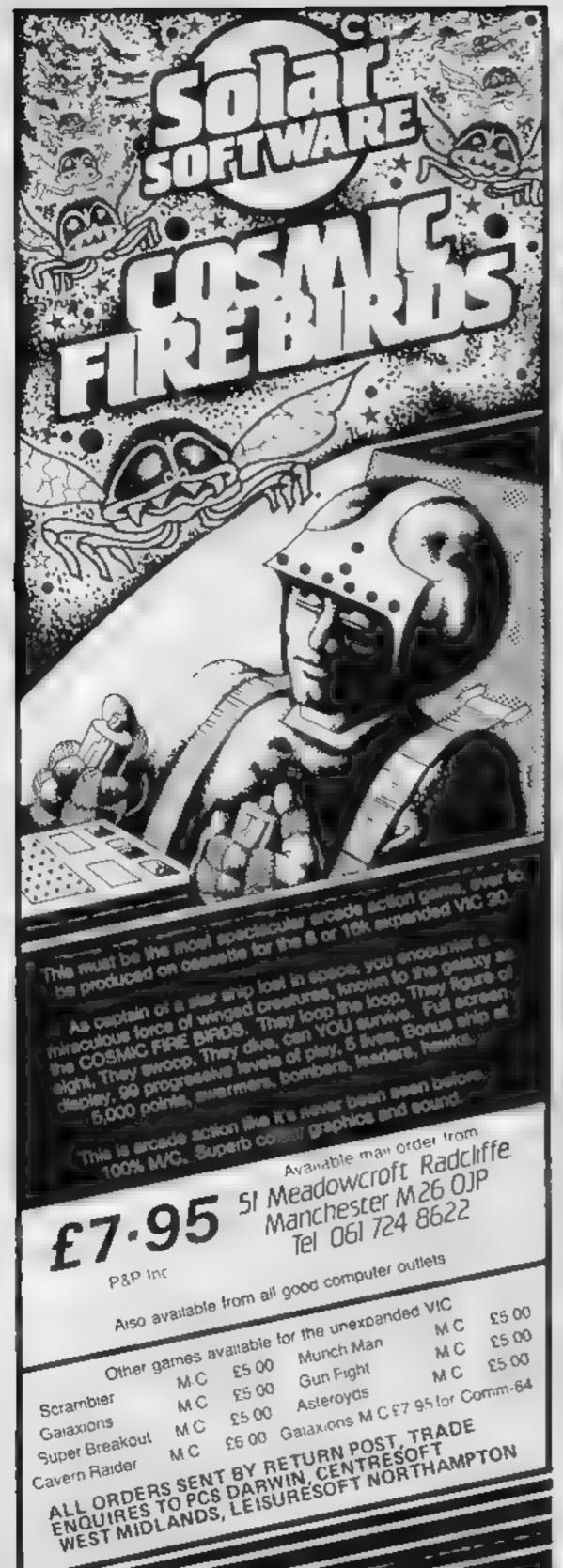
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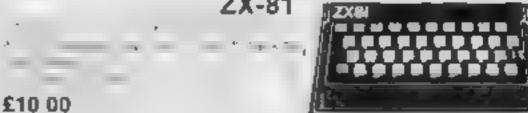
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Stephen Adams



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Cables

Spectrum

A range of ribbon cables, 9-12ths, with 56-way connectors which could be used, for example, to separate RAMpack from the computer. Also paddle board to convert female connector to male. Untested.

£4.99-£9.49 paddle board £1.99

Hawnt Electronics



Monicron

2X81/Spectrum

Designed for reliable and easy loading and saving to tape, both models feature an on-off switch and the Spectrum version has a built-in amplifier. An enhanced Spectrum model has a 2 watt amplifier and socket for external speaker. Untested

£15.95 enhanced £16.75

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High Resolution Graphics Pack

ZX81

Contains a 2K EPROM holding the hi-res BASIC monitor to control a 256 by 192 pixel screen, with every pixel accessible. Commands like PAGE, PLOT and SCROLL can be used to define characters, draw and plot. There is also a complete lower-case character set for word processing — but you would be well advised to buy an extension keyboard to use this feature. Compatible with ZX Printer. Schools discount. Untested.

£38.95

Digital Integration



Battpack

ZX81/Spectrum

Said to eliminate problems caused by varying voltage, Battpack comprises a rechargeable nine volt battery and transient suppressor. Untested.

£13.95

Adaptors and Eliminators



Masterplug

ZX81/Spectrum

Allows four devices to be connected — for example, TV, recorder, computer, printer — to one mains outlet. Supplied with 1.5m mains lead with plug and four other plugs. Inexpensive. Untested.

£10.99

H & K Supplies



Arab RAM

ZX81

Fits between the ZX81 and a RAMpack to give a complete set of characters, keywords and functions in an Arabic version of BASIC called Saudia. Writing and evaluation of decimal numbers is from right to left. Includes instruction booklet and keyboard overlays are available.

n/a

Autoram



Arab RAM gives an Arabic version of BASIC

Light pen

Spectrum

Easy to use and inexpensive. Plugs into the ear socket and uses 16 commands, chosen from an on-screen menu. Among the features: change colour — border, paper and ink — draw circles, boxes, lines, fill, insert text, draw freehand. Five screens can be stored on the 48K Spectrum and used to simulate a sort of animation

£19.95

dk'tronics



Floppy disc card Spectrum

Card which, says Technology Research, will work with any Shugart standard disc drive or Micro Disc 1 drives.

n/a

Technology Research



Fits between computer and screen to give a fully-programmable 256 by 192 resolution on screen, says Digital Integration. Uses 6.5K and has its own 2K EPROM. Untested

£38 95

Digital Integration



ZX Tape Loader ZX81/Spectrum

Small box with a meter and three-position switch for Load, Off and SAVE plus an LED which indicates when the switch is in Load position. Needs a PP3 battery. It can be left in position permanently. In tests by an HCW reviewer, it loaded and saved perfectly several old tapes previously put aside as unloadable.

£14,99

Elinea



Floppy disc controller

Analogue says its floppy disc controller is compatible with single or double density Shugart 5 ¼ in drives, the Japanese 3 in drives and the 3 in MCD Hungarian drives.

£40 approx

Analogue

ZX81



Printers

ZX Printer

ZX81/Spectrum

Quality leaves a lot to be desired, but the ZX Printer needs no power supply—it plugs straight into the back of the computer—and is very cheap. It works by spark erasure on metallised paper 4½ in wide.

£39 95

Sinclair



Alphacom 32 ZX81/Spectrum

Faster, quieter and clearer than the ZX Printer — but at £20 more. The Alphacom 32 is imported from America where it is used with the Timex version of the ZX81. Unlike the Sinciair model, it uses its own power supply (supplied). It supports all the Sinciair commands and prints in blue on white paper in slightly thinner and taller characters. The paper is much cheaper: £1 for a 25m roll Untested.



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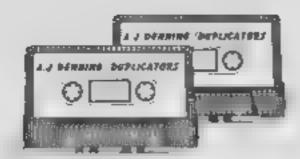
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How ill works

1 set high score, turn off keyvoice (speech) 10-90 display instructions etc

100-105 initialise variables 110-150 screen display

200-700 main loop: checks for jumping, moving, accidents

1000-1070 set up user-defined graphics

2000-2040 routine for completion of each screen

3000-3050 end of game

6000 tune

7000 says "help" if man has fallen off the platforms (only with Currah speech system

You must reach your house at the top of the screen by jumping up the ladders. But, alas, life isn't that simple. You must also jump over the leaves on the way.

You can choose your own keys for movement - the instructions are in the game.

Another feature of this program is that it is compatible with

Careful, you could take a tumble

Strangely enough, the only way you can get home is up ladders. But watch out for the leaves in Mark Richardson's program for either Spectrum. Currah Micro Speech is optional

Variables

X,Y co-ordinates of man

Q,W co-ordinates of leaf travelling horizontally

R.D co-ordinates of falling leaf SC score

HI high score

SS reserved variable for Currah speech system

KEYS also reserved for Currah umit

1. level

the Currah Micro-Speech system. Don't worry if you haven't got one... the program will still run normally on any Spectrum.

Hints on conversion

Spectrum commands:

BEEP sound

AT screen co-ordinates (32 by 22) BORDER, PAPER and INK commands

The data in the program is used to create the user-defined graphics and can be changed accordingly.

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25 PRINT AT 0,6; FAMILE 7; INC 0; "By Mark Michardson"
30 FOR 1=10 TO 10; PRINT AT 1,1; PAMES 7; INC 0; DATE 1; "* MORE .0; %; NEST
            56 PRINT At 7.6: "It is a windy day and you mist get to your home and dodge th
e leaves as they come at you."

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            90 CLS
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        101 LET SCHE
      183 PRINT AT 1,18; PAPER 2; IMP 6: "LEAF WHILK"
185 LET r=7; LET U=18; LET u=28; LET w=1; LET r=28; LET r=38; LET p=1; LET i=1
118 PRINT AT y,u; OVER 1; c0; FOR t=1 TO 18; NEXT t
128 IMP 8; PLOT 13,138; DRAW 8,-15; DRAW -15,8; DRAW 8,15; DRAW 15,8; PLOT 8,13
N: DRAW 7,7: DRAW 2,-7
125 PLOT 3,127: DRAW 3,8: DRAW 8,-3: DRAW -3,8: DRAW 8,3: PLOT 7,115: DRAW 8,5:
DRAW 3,8: DRAW 8,-5: PLOT 7,115: DRAW 6,-6: DRAW 3,-2: PLOT 18,115: DRAW 4,-6:
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212 PRINT AT F.U. OVER 11 "(AT F-1,d)"

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